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Dear Ms. Grub:

This is Silver State's first Notice of Breach due to academic underperformance on the 2013- 2014 Authority Academic Framework (Unsatisfactory), and Nevada School Performance Framework (Middle School Rating—1-Star, High School Rating—2-Stars).

In June 2013, the State Public Charter School Authority Board adopted a Performance Framework, which provides charter school boards and leaders with clear expectations, fact-based oversight, and timely feedback while ensuring charter autonomy. Pursuant to NRS 386.527, the Performance Framework is required to be incorporated into a Charter Contract. Within the Performance Framework, the following performance outcomes may be cause for revocation/termination of a school's charter:

Persistent Underperformance which is defined as a school with any combination of "Unsatisfactory" or "Critical" designations on the Authority Framework and a two-star or one-star ranking on the Nevada School Performance Framework for three consecutive academic reporting cycles.

Schools that have not yet executed with the State Public Charter School Authority an NRS 386.527 Charter Contract instead have a NAC 386.050 Written Charter which includes a written agreement signed by representatives of both the school and the school's sponsor. Within the written agreement "the Charter School agrees to report...on a regular basis the academic progress of the Charter School in meeting standards of achievement...In addition to any goals and description of how achievement of those goals will be measured that were approved in the Charter School application, or any subsequent

amendment, all provisions of NRS 385.3455 through NRS 385.391 (Statewide System of Accountability) apply to the Charter School. Nothing in the [approved] application ...or this Agreement is to be construed as replacing, overriding, or taking precedence over NRS 385.3455 through NRS 385.391."

As defined by the Performance Framework, all schools begin outside of the intervention ladder and are considered to be in Good Standing. Schools in Good Standing receive non-intrusive regular oversight and submissions tracking. Schools must meet performance targets and expectations including compliance and maintain open communication with us in exchange for this level of non-intrusive oversight.

Schools can enter Level 2 of the intervention ladder for failure to comply with the specific actions and due dates required by the Notice of Concern. Silver State's academic performance for the 2013-2014 school year has generated significant concern and has moved Silver State into level two of the intervention ladder.

To return to Good Standing, Silver State must obtain a designation of "Approaches" or above on the Authority Academic Framework plus receive a three-star rating or above on the Nevada School Performance Framework for the 2014-2015 school year. If the concern is not remedied in the time allotted, Silver State will enter Level 3, Intent to Revoke. Failure to meet the requirements specified in the Intent to Revoke may result in revocation/termination proceedings or may be granted a revised Notice of Breach, returning to level 2.

State Public Charter School Authority believes strongly in a quality public school of choice for every Nevada child, and we hope that Silver State will join us in increasing the number of State Public Charter School Authority-sponsored quality charter schools by improving Silver State's academic performance in the 2014-2015 school year.

Sincerely,



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